

Going Through All The Required Motions

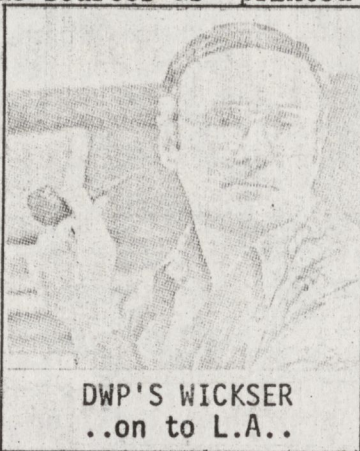
A MANDATED "HEARING" ON THE INSTALLATION OF WATER METERS HERE REVEALS UNANIMOUS PUBLIC DISAPPROVAL, BUT IT IS UNLIKELY THAT CITIZEN INPUT WILL HAVE MUCH BEARING ON A DECISION ALREADY MADE. WICKSER SAYS THE METERS ARE ALREADY ON HAND TO BE INSTALLED THIS SUMMER.

WITH THE WATER METERS ALREADY BOUGHT AND PAID FOR AND STORED IN LOS ANGELES AWAITING installation in Inyo communities, the outcome of a public hearing on the issue was a foregone conclusion: Barring legal action against the Department of Water and Power to block its sudden move, the meter-installers will move in on residential properties in May. Billing according to the metered rates will begin, like it or not, sometime early in 1979, all meters intact.

Monday night's "hearing" at Independence was seen by most as an exercise in form, not substance; a routine required by law before DWP can take whatever actions it considers profitable or expedient in providing, more or less, whatever water Los Angeles doesn't want, to the customers in Inyo.

The Monday hearing offered its small audience an opportunity to hear DWP's statistics gathered from such vague sources as "printed material" from college publications, with which it attempts to justify the installation of meters here. The issue has been argued for several years in Inyo County, but, lacking a strong statewide political base, protests against metering have gone ignored by the DWP. Monday night's protestors received a number of answers to their predominately rhetorical questions, and also the assurance that they will be "heard" when Owens Valley Engineer James Wickser personally takes a tape of the hearing to the L.A. Board of Water Commissioners sometime this week. Not many in the audience were able to seriously imagine the board sitting down to listen to an hour-and-a-half of desultory complaints (more of a pleading for reason, actually) and then take action that might benefit the Inyo Countians.

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DWP'S WICKSER
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With this issue of NEWS-LETTER, the editors initiate a new policy - the acceptance of advertising for weekly publication. This move was made in order to (1) survive the high cost of production, (2) bring the NEWS-LETTER to more people who want it and cannot now afford it, and (3) improve the quality of our format. As we promised earlier, we are cutting our subscription rate immediately - with this issue. The rate reduction amounts, now, to 20%, and allowing for increasing advertising already contracted, there will be further cuts. Our rate reduction is retroactive, which means if you have subscribed, suffering along with us thus far, we're going to add 20% (more later) to your subscription time. The same goes for anyone who buys a subscription now or later, anytime through the summer. The editors are gratified by the response that the people of Inyo County have shown for the NEWS-LETTER, and let us now reassure those who may have questions that editorial policy will in no way change due to the presence of advertising. The ads make it possible to continue and to improve, to give you more for your money, not less. Within the next two weeks (thereabouts), the quality of NEWS-LETTER will improve with better printing production, more (and far better) photos, more pages.

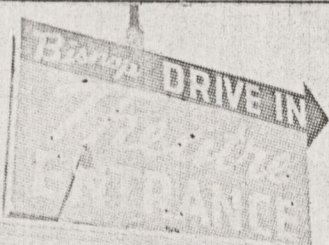
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ONE-WAY OUT OF DANGER

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HOPING THAT STATISTICAL EVIDENCE MAY PROVE more convincing than observable conditions, the area Highway Patrol has initiated (and is soon to complete) a safety survey of a narrow winding road in the Alabama Hills. Tuttle Creek Canyon Road west of Lone Pine is (See NEWS BRIEFS, Page 4)



DWP
CLOSING
DR IN

CONTROVERSIAL MARQUEE SIGN

Telling it like it is on Highway 395
See story, NOTES FROM B.K., Page 2

SO LONG, MAURY. And so long, too, to Suzanne and Phyllis and Steve and maybe even Ted. The CBS movers and shakers are at it again down at Channel 2. These are the Chicago movers and shakers, understand; the St. Louis M&S's are long gone, having completed their axe-swinging two years ago. (just before Channel 2's ratings dropped outtasite.) Chicago, so far, is not doing much better, alas, but the viewers up here in the boonies suffered not a lot of eyestrain by the sudden disappearance of Maury Povich from the five o'clock news; he was too slick for cow-county tastes. Joe Benti's back "by popular demand," as CBS would have us believe, and he compliments Connie Chung in the time-proven formula of the greying father type bantering it back and forth with the pretty young girl. So what do the Inyoans watch when they flick on the switch? The local surveys - and we conducted one not too long ago - indicate that Father Dunphy, like it or not, still leads the field over at ABC. And where can we of the LA-ravaged Eastern Sierra find more Inyo and Mono TV reports? It's still a tossup between Channels 2 and 7 with 7 edging ahead because of its greater willingness to accept filmed reports from the outlands.



BENETT KESSLER

AND HOW ABOUT TED and Suzanne and Phyllis and Steve? Well, Ted Dawson is in there, but on a per diem, not on a contract, and they're keeping him far away from the sports desk. Phyllis Eliasberg, Channel 2's consumer reporter, got the boot as did Reporter Steve Lentz and Weekend Anchorgal Suzanne Childs. They've got Bob Dunne (incidentally, a friend of Inyo County) away from the anchor spot and out doing stand-up reports. People up here like familiar faces and they'd be happy with Mickey Mouse as their news anchor if they could just count on him being there and not replaced by D. Duck the first time Chicago, or New York, got panicky over the ratings. But who in LA, after all, ever listened to anybody in Inyo County?

"CAUSES" BUILD RATINGS about as much as "personalities" and if CBS is looking for one in its LA market, there are a lot of questions yet to be investigated in the DWP building.

DEAN KNIGHT LATER TOLD A FRIEND that the news service was "really impressed" with what he calls his "monument to Owens Valley," the private club he's putting up out at Knight Manor. And so we were. Fancy restaurant, lounge, pool, sauna, tennis courts, trout ponds to gaze into over your martinis - and fifteen grand worth of potted tropicals just to provide some greenery for the club members. Spanish tile and decor throughout. "Why?" asked the 'Dean' of county developers, "should something so great have so much trouble getting through the county government? It's the best thing Inyo County will ever see!" And - so long as LA keeps her grip on growth here - he just may be right. Incidentally, folks, only 300 memberships are up for grabs, at \$25 per month, so if you want to get in on the club, you'd better light on Knight real quick. We're sold.

POOR L.A., ALL THAT WATER AND NO LILACS. One of those down-south ski types dressed in what could only be described as screaming red, hit town the other afternoon hankering to "buy some lilac branches because they don't grow in Southern California." Sez I at my friendly best, "Help yourself," and then, paraphrasing Mulholland (I couldn't help myself) "There it is - take it." Message received.

ANOTHER LITERARY BLAST FROM THE RIGHT is "America, If I Loved You Less, I wouldn't Care," the outpouring (after three years' work) of a Bishop first-time author, Robert Colletti. It won't be a best-seller, but it will gladden the hearts of Inyo's right-of-center crowd as Colletti takes on such issues as welfare, the "socialist trend," and the US involvement in the United Nations. "It was the welfare situation that sparked my writing more than anything else," avers the author, "Fifty percent of the people who work support the other fifty percent that don't...and those who accept the dole have their liberties restricted by government controls, and the government totally runs our lives." Government-as-monster is Colletti's main theme, but the book offers few viable solutions. It's on sale at most county bookstores.

OUR SOURCES TELL US JOHN "DUKE" WAYNE was on his way to Inyo with a film crew to shoot more of those not-so-great Great Western television commercials. But the Duke was unsaddled thanks to a heart condition and he wound up not in the wild, woolly but well-meaning West, but in Boston where he'll undergo an operation. The shooting schedule here was postponed indefinitely.

"WE'RE JUST PUTTING OFF THE INEVITABLE," says one of the county supervisors when asked what the county government is doing about the planning department's problems. Within the context of the sidewalk press conference, the supervisor (speaking not to be quoted) offered a clear message: Somebody will eventually have to go.

THE DWP'S CY JETER called up Bishop's new theater owner, Blair Hilborn, and "was not too happy." Jeter is the man who takes care of the DWP's properties hereabouts, including the old drive-in south of Bishop. The DWP is making Hilborn tear down the theater, but Hilborn has been getting the heat from folks who want to go to the summertime shows there. So what did Hilborn do? He put up a sign last week blaming the DWP for the theater destruction. Cy didn't like that at all. Not only that, but when Hilborn asked the L.A. land barons to join with him in issuing a public statement and assuming the blame for the loss of 50% of Inyo's movie houses, DWP said no; it's obvious They don't want the heat. Hilborn may - or may not - take the sign down as Jeter demanded. At week's end the issue of the sign was unresolved. If the city of L.A. blushes so easily, maybe it should quit doing things that cause it embarrassment. Frankly, we didn't know that outfit could be embarrassed although it has much to blush about. The truth on the highway marquee, there for all to see at 55 mph (or even 75): "DWP CLOSING DRIVE-IN." Thanks, Blair, for showing Spine.

(More B.K. NOTES on Page 3)

B.K.'s NOTES, Continued

WE SEEM TO HAVE ACQUIRED THIS CHAINSAW...That's right, the news service scored a chainsaw this past weekend, holder of ticket #1086 in the Owens Valley School S.H.A.R.E. raffle. Woodcutting is not really my trip, though I've been known to trim a rose every now and then - and to be perhaps a little sharp to headwaiters - so I'll turn it over to Our Man Heston of whom it has been said he might trim back his long editorials by two or three paragraphs. Our thanks to OV, SHARE - and to Ivey Auto Parts. Bruce Ivey, one of our Very Pleasant People, donated the new XL2 Homelite, to the SHARE program.

WHY DOESN'T THE L.A. TIMES, which aspires to be a statewide - even nationwide - newspaper, elect to give more regional news for the areas in which it circulates? Like maybe the Owens Valley? Last week, the TIMES publisher, Otis Chandler, was suffering one of his temporary bouts of foot-in-mouth disease and allowed on television as how the TIMES takes into account its ad revenues in providing coverage. In L.A., he angered the "blacks and Chicanos" by admitting that the TIMES gives little coverage to ethnic groups because advertising from those areas does not cover cost of news coverage. "It's too stuffy for them....The TIMES is not widely read by blacks and Chicanos," said the publisher. Translation: Blacks and Chicanos are too dumb to read the TIMES. The faux pas was not missed by other TV outlets and they were eager to turn it into a full-blown issue. By the same standards, then (Chandler's) won't pay much attention to where L.A. gets its water - or how.

THE CONGRESSMAN WOULD RE-ESTABLISH the Bracero program, but ethnic sensitivity demands that congressmen, particularly in election year, employ diplomacy when discussing it. Latest congressional euphemism for Braceros is "Guest Laborers." And how about That.

VERY PLEASANT PEOPLE DEPT.: Mrs. John Gilfillan and Mrs. (Supervisor) Johnny Johnson, seen coffeing at Schat's in Lone Pine, then again at the Republican politicians' lunch at Independence.

I GUESS NEIMAN'S (NEIMAN-MARCUS) figured that Orange County needed a little class (Neiman's was right about That) and so they opened a big concrete block outlet (Looks like a computer center) down on the south coast. Brass bands and a lot of hoopla, but not much else. They'll have to bring more of their Dallas store out here if they're going to hold a candelabra (in sterling or gold, of course) to anything in Beverly Hills...Gallay's, for instance. But for Orange County, Wow!

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CANDIDATE KEN MADDY MAKES A WHISTLE-STOP VISIT TO INYO COUNTY AND TELLS THE LOCALS MUCH OF WHAT THEY WANT TO HEAR

IF THE REPUBLICAN PARTY IS ALIVE & WELL & living in California (and there have been some doubts since Watergate), then its old-line precepts find safe repository in the person of Ken Maddy, recent television commercial star, who aspires to the Republican gubernatorial nomination come June 6.

Maddy, who expounds the virtues of big agribusiness of the Fresno variety - as opposed to the big government of the Brown variety - arrived in Inyo last week with a brace of other party candidates to answer and re-answer and re-answer the much-asked stock questions about where government is heading and what he thinks the 'GOP might do about it if it ever gets back in office again. Maddy and his party, including Congressman Bill Ketchum and State Senatorial Candidate Bill Snyder (or was it Ketchum's party including Maddy and Snyder?) made the traditional expected whistle-stops at Bishop, Independence and Lone Pine. For Maddy it was part of his ongoing effort (an admirable one, considering the vote potential of Inyo) to become, if not a household word, then at least a little better known. His activities in that direction have of late proven marginally successful, reinforced by a television campaign paid for largely by the donations of Central Valley agribusiness tycoons who are



SNYDER, MADDY AND KETCHUM, ET AL
"...answering all the stock questions"

mad as hell at Jerry Brown (They're not sure why, unless it's his "image"), but who resist the other Republican choices, a former metropolitan police chief to whom they can't relate, and the attorney general, Evelle Younger, who they suspect may be wanting a governor's pension more than a positive leadership job at Sacramento. In Maddy, who has served them as a relatively colorless but straight-talking conservative assemblyman, they found the qualities they like: no embarrassing presence of outlandish innovation and a party-line policy that would snatch government from the grasp of the bureaucrats and return it triumphantly into the hands of the good ole boys of the California Farm Bureau, the Rotary Clubs and little old

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A COUNCILMAN'S QUANDARY: GOVERNMENT'S TAKE-IT-OR-ELSE MONEY POLICIES

NEWS-LETTER FORUM:

The legislators' red-taped spending of the peoples' money must originate in the minds of those multi-degreed, egg-headed officials that dominate the Political America.

The legislators distribute the taxpayers' money, in the form of "grants", to groups and projects, whether or not the people need, want or desire these services. This, they call taxation with representation.

The coup de grace, however, is when there are "laws" to prevent public officials from refusing some or all monetary compensation for services rendered. In other words, it has been deemed "a crime" to refuse the taxpayers' money for personal purposes.

After witnessing this legislative "Catch 22", I ask the question - Are our representatives representing the peoples' interest, or are they representing their own personal interest?

- Peter L. Pearson
Bishop

(Editors' note: NEWS-LETTER Reader Pearson, a recently-elected member of the Bishop City Council, should know; It had been his expressed wish to refuse salaried payment for his service as a councilman, but he ran into "regulations" and suggestions (Read pressures) from others in city government to accept the payment. At week's end the issue remained undecided, but Pearson advises that if in fact he accepts his salary he will use it for something "in the public interest.")

THE WORD FROM LITTLE LAKE: THE VIRTUES OF CHIROPRACTIC

To the Editor,

It has been my experience doctors from the orthodox medical community have a lot to learn, except for one doctor in Lone Pine and one in Ridgecrest, the latter not even being in the orthodox class.

In my opinion, medical doctors should be paid for keeping you well and free of illness, not for making you well after you become ill, accidental injuries excepted.

This writer had to be in Bishop on another matter of business and having heard of a chiropractor who follows the Palmer Method, also based in Bishop, arranged to have him check me over. This fantastic doctor found things wrong with me which I had not told him about and he fixed it right then and there. The spine controls the functions of all body organs.

So I took a family member to the new-found doctor. Another orthodox doctor in Lone Pine had fixed his pain but not the cause.

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tests on his patients the orthodox medical doctor never thought of. They do not receive nutritional training in med-school either.

My family member was able to walk out of the doctor's office without a limp. He was headed for more pain, disability and even possibly an early demise.

(I write) with reference to the March 13 NEWS-LETTER, Mrs. G.H.G.'s letter regarding the run around she received in her attempt to obtain a physical examination.

The above-mentioned doctors's name will be released upon receipt of a stamped, self-addressed letter.

Another doctor in Anaheim issued a fantastic pamphlet on "The role of the Medical Examination in Preventive Medicine." It removes all the questions on the subject.

- Pat McClendon
PO Box 26
Little Lake

NEWS BRIEFS, Continued

quaintly and villatically attractive both to nearby residents and to tourists - and it is also deadly, particularly to those unfamiliar with its blind curves and a naturally-imposed limitation on speed. An understated official position in the matter was voiced last week by California Highway Patrol Lt. Howard Hurlbut: "It has been noted over a period of years," he said, "that there is an accident problem. This is due to the narrowness of the roadway and its limited visibility." Opposing the lieutenant's hopes are both the Inyo Board of Supervisors and the Lone Pine Chamber of Commerce. When a highway patrol proposal was brought before the board some months back, the board turned a deaf ear to any ideas about improvements. Hurlbut said he will approach the officials of the Lone Pine chamber again, perhaps this week, prepared to show the accident figures. His solution for now: Turn Tuttle Creek Canyon Road into a one-way passage.

P.D. "DOUG" BUCHANAN, INYO'S PUBLIC DEFENDER of several months, runs increasingly into cases he was involved in from the other side of the courtroom - as a deputy district attorney. He now finds himself duty-bound to defend certain clients of sterling character that a few months back were, to him, miscreants of a most evil kind. Rightfully, Buchanan sees a conflict and set about to change it: Hire on a temporary basis other attorneys to act as deputy public defenders in the handling of those cases. He asked - perhaps in the name of a truer justice - for \$4000 to pay the defenders pro tem. At first the supervisors balked, with County Administrator John K. Smith questioning "a lot of justice expenditures." He said, "Now they prosecute everything...or what I call minor situations." The board, however, agreed to pay \$4000 out of contingency funds into the public defender budget - with the hope that Buchanan's

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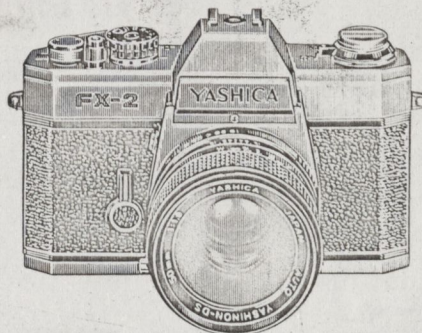


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METER HEARING, Cont.

There to argue the DWP's statistical report were such disparate elements of community representation as residents, a planning department statistician, a political candidate and a deputy district attorney who volunteered no insights about whether his department plans any legal action in the issue. In the sense of any unified or effective protest that might deter an already resolved DWP, Inyo County clearly didn't have its trip together. The crux of the metering argument by the DWP is simply that county residents use, and waste, a lot more water than the good folks of L.A., and that the locals are going to have to pay for it. County statistics tend to prove otherwise, but DWP's lightning swift implementation of the metering plan (two weeks from start to finish with one small announcement sent out in advance a week ago) was sure and final, with the home team caught off guard. DWP's Wickser, secure in the fact of a downtown decision already made, fielded questions, even the pointed ones, with a confident, even casual air (Example as per Randy Pector of the Inyo Planning Department: "Did you buy the Inyo water systems to be altruistic or to get



RANDY PECTOR
altruism or water?

the water rights for L.A.?" -Wickser: "We are not the Great Benefactors. There is an advantage to control water rights..and...there's a benefit to the towns.") The Inyo protestors were hard-put to do battle with such candid self assurance. Then arose the question of whether the metering move was in fact economically feasible, since the meters will bring in little more than the amount already collected from users (if users hold to DWP's slim gallonage). The difference, it came out, is about \$7000 per year gross income increase. "In view of DWP's troubles with Inyo County would it not be good public relations, and save may-



DWP'S BAUCUM
taping the "input"

be a lot of litigation to just leave things as they are?," reasoned a reporter. "The final decision (to install meters) has not been made," was Wickser's reply.

But local statistics and reasoning are matters of distant conjecture to those in the power positions of Los Angeles economics.

Continued "growth" in a metropolis already unhealthily overpopulated is deemed a priority matter, and there is no more industrial fattening without continually increasing sources of water. Monday's "hearing" will go unheard...

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LONE PINE TOURNAMENT CHESS FOR HIGH STAKES

RIGHT OFF THE BAT, A SEATTLE TEENAGER
TAKES ON - AND BEATS - A FAMOUS CHAMP

IN THE TENSE, GRIM WORLD OF INTERNATIONAL chess competition, what happens each year in Lone Pine is becoming increasingly significant. The winners and losers among names that only an elite number of Americans can barely pronounce, much less know, loom large on the scoreboards of the world, and last week at Lone Pine's Town Hall the goings-on were attracting no less than world attention.

Even as the play got underway, there was an amazed collective gasp (a very quiet one, the rules being what they are) when the American champion, a Seattle teenager, handily beat Jan Timman, the Holland champion who only last month defeated World Champion Anatole Karpov of Russia. Does that make the 17-year-old, Yasser Seirawan, champion of the world? No, not in the complex hierarchy of world chess, but it does give the youngster an "advance in his ratings" that, hopefully, will soon list him among the "international masters" who rank second only to the top players called "grand masters." Of the latter there are 24 at Lone Pine, probably the largest single collection of them together at a single place in chess history.

The chess players are aiming for "advances" and also for the \$36,000 in prize money put up by Lone Pine Philanthropist Louis Statham whose interest in chess prompted him to start the Lone Pine tournaments eight years ago. Top money of \$12,000 will go to the surviving winner early next week.

Says Tournament Director Isaac Kashdan, Los Angeles TIMES chess editor and himself a grand master: "When you walk into a chess club anywhere in the world and say you're from Lone Pine, they know. They don't know where Lone Pine is, but they know and respect the tournaments." Kashdan calls the current tournament "the greatest tournament ever" and with the excitement only a player could generate, assures that the winner will be "in the history books."

HEALTH ZAPPING THE LARVAE

IN RAIN-SOAKED INYO, A
CRITICAL MOSQUITO PROJECT

WITH THE SERIOUS POSSIBILITY of "the worst season since 1969" before them, the workers in Inyo's Mosquito Abatement program have drawn up an impressive array of battle gear, including a chemical-dropping helicopter, and set to work. To get an idea of how serious the 1978 mosquito season is likely to be, consider the discovery, not at all unusual, of a single four-inch-deep hoofprint in the valley floor that was found to contain no fewer than ten thousand larvae. These were soon to take flight in a compelling search for the staple

of the mosquito diet - blood; your's perhaps, or somebody else's, or that of some animal.

Already the complaints about buzzing, biting mosquitoes are pouring into the Inyo Health Department at Independence, and already the mosquito workers there are increasingly concerned that this summer's battle may amount to little more than a holding action against hordes of mosquitoes constantly on the offensive. Undermanned and underfunded, the Inyo program is geared to prevent as best it can a possible outbreak of encephalitis which is rapidly spread by at least one variety of mosquito that finds good hunting in the Owens Valley. Cause of the re-emergence of mosquitoes here is the season's 180% of normal downpour that has left standing water over most of the valley floor.

The co-ordinator of the county's mosquito program is Michael Faisy who with others (only two in the entire program other than Faisy) goes aloft in a helicopter to photograph potential breeding spots and to drop a chemical formula proven effective against the larvae. Faisy's is largely a make-do program, limited as it is to a budget of only \$33,000. A study has shown that 80% of the mosquito-breeding locations - standing waters ranging in size from hoofprints to small lakes - are located on undrained properties of the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power. A county supervisor has suggested that the DWP may help in the program, but there has been no action in that.

But not all the mosquito-breeding water is in the county's boondocks. A flying mosquito's-eye view of the average backyard reveals hundreds of potential larvae sites: water-filled flower pots or cans, buckets, ornamental ponds, and pools of water left by overwatering of lawns - even depressions left in old rooftops where water can stand. Some of Inyo's mosquitoes can grow from egg to flying insect in five days, so Faisy urges a constant watchfulness on the part of residents.

The chemical sprays used by the health department are probably not the final answer since they are limited to outland areas.

NEWS BRIEFS, Continued

conflicts will eventually disappear - by attrition.

THE COUNTY'S LARGEST LANDOWNER, THE DWP, also "owns" a great number of the county's archeological and historical resources located on that land, and these are, or soon will be, accessible to the drivers of off-road vehicles which DWP allows on its lands. If past performance is any guide, the archaeological sites stand in imminent danger of the free-wheeling ORV types who are not above destroying or defacing priceless and irreplaceable evidence of earlier societies. Charles Irwin, the soft-spoken and seriously concerned director of the Eastern California Museum, last week approached the county's supervisors with the problem, and he asked that the Department of Water and Power be required to prepare an environmental impact report before loosing the four-wheel-drive roaring herd on the sensitive locations. He suggested also a complete inventory of the valuable sites. Supervisor Wilma Muth questioned the latter request, suggesting that a public knowledge of the sites will in fact tend to reveal that which may now be hidden from the gross behavior of many ORV enthusiasts who, once informed of locations, might waste no time in racing each other in a treasure hunt. But, argued another supervisor, Herbert London, "The ultimate preservation depends on identification." Irwin warned that the supervisors should not "underestimate the ORV syndrome." Meanwhile, the Bureau of Land Management and the Forest Service are conducting such EIR's; DWP is not. The supervisors agreed to confront DWP Engineer Jim Wickser with the problem.

INYO COUNTY HYDROLOGIST PHIL WILLIAMS disclosed last week that he has completed a first-draft report on groundwater in Inyo County - but that the "right time" for releasing its content has "not arrived." Williams did say, however, that the Inyo groundwater levels have significantly dropped "up to July, 1977," when a state court restricted the Department of Water and Power in the amounts that could be pumped.

THREE MUDSLIDES ENGENDERED BY RAINFALL, effectively blocked Horseshoe Meadows Road, the long, serpentine passage that meanders into the high country southwest of Lone Pine. Trapped on the road in rain and snow when the slide occurred was a DWP crew that abandoned a pickup truck and other equipment and hitched a ride via DWP to return into town. A lack of hillside vegetation was blamed for the slides at three levels.

IN OTHER RAIN-CAUSED PROBLEMS, County Public Works Director Bob Fisher told the board of supervisors that it looks like the county may have to fork over about \$300,000 to match grant money to repair Inyo's water-damaged roads. What are Fisher's chances of getting the request? Not much, says Supervisor Dick Engel who also expressed a hope for public patience. "When they see a pot-hole, it may not be fixed right away. Things can't be kept in top shape." Any money Fisher gets will come out of the county's not-too-fat general fund. Fisher's appearance prompted comment: "It doesn't hurt to ask."

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ladies in Pasadena. But if Maddy's party-line is stock it nevertheless contains those recognizable elements familiar and well-loved by a growing number of right-of-center Californians who find themselves up to here in state-directed regulations and increasing controls except, it seems, controls on what many consider to be wasteful spending.

Maddy was introduced by Congressman Ketchum at a lunch-time stop in Independence. The congressman clearly stepped aside, just out of the limelight, but waiting in the wings as it were to throw an occasional cue, and he let the gubernatorial hopeful get what little exposure he could from the handful of locals who filled most of the seats in Independence's little "Feed Bag Cafe." The question-answer period was largely dominated by two reporters who had found no other opportunity to talk to the trio, and here's how it went:

Q: How much will you be spending on television?

Maddy: A total of half a million dollars. We've spent a quarter million so far.

Q: Where do you get your funds?

M: They're supported by about 60% from agriculture interests, primarily from individuals who haven't been "Involved" for many years, but who decided to join my campaign.

CANDIDATE MADDY
at Independence

Q: Where is your strongest support?

M: North of Tehachapi. Orange County is good. San Diego is fair. L.A. is poor; those people are tough to find.

Q: Do you have any solution to Inyo's water problems?

M: I can't say, today. I've been listening to your concerns and I'll take them back and digest them. I do not advocate government control. Their reasons for doing things are far different from the people who live here.

Q: What is your position on the peripheral canal?

M: I fought it. There's no water in it. In the far north there's been no development of resources. I've been taking a hard look at the rivers. And after two years of drought, water storage has been filled in three weeks. Water is not a finite resource in California.

Q: What are your environmental concerns?

M: I am concerned. We should use common sense. I'm not so concerned that everytime someone finds an Indian bone, we make a Sacred Ground there. We'll eventually find everybody's bones everywhere. There should be a mixture of environmental protection, growth and common sense.

Q: What do you think about the Jarvis Amendment?

M: It's a reaction to the fact that the legislature of '77 did nothing. The Jarvis Amendment is hardly the answer. The Behr Bill isn't either. People in California are tired of seeing government grow. I hear a lot of people saying 'I like it...It gives the legislature and the governor a swift kick in the pants.' I don't think JA is responsible. There should be

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a limit on spending and no more new programs. With JA, the legislature would enact state-level taxes. So...someone will be paying.

Q: What is your view on the California Environmental Quality Act?

M: That agency has acquired a great deal of power in the last three and a half years. Brown's greatest contribution is that he gave away a lot of power. And the legislature is ready to take back the power. We're being EIR'ed out of business. In 1975, there were 5,000 environmental impact reports prepared in California.

Q: Any solution to the illegal alien problem?

M: We'll have to deal seriously with Washington in enforcement of the immigration law. There are one million illegal aliens here, and there are one million unemployed people. But I'm not saying if we got rid of all the aliens the unemployment problem would be solved.

(Enter Ketchum): If the employer is made the immigration official (under a plan to make employers responsible for hiring aliens), he will avoid trouble by hiring blacks or whites and not Mexicans. I think we should beef up the Border Patrol with men and technology, and reinstitute guest laborers (Braceros), and punish those who are picked up as illegal aliens. And we should improve the economy of Mexico, not, mind you, by another foreign aid program, ...so they won't want to leave there."

Q: Where are you on the death penalty?

M: I support it. It is necessary for certain types of crimes. Jerry Brown has appointed three of the Supreme Court justices, and could appoint a fourth. All are opposed to the death penalty. Most feel that we won't see the death penalty enacted....The important thing is that we make sure justice is swift. Deterrents on crime only hold water if they are swiftly applied.

Q: What do you think about the LNG (Liquid Natural Gas) issue?

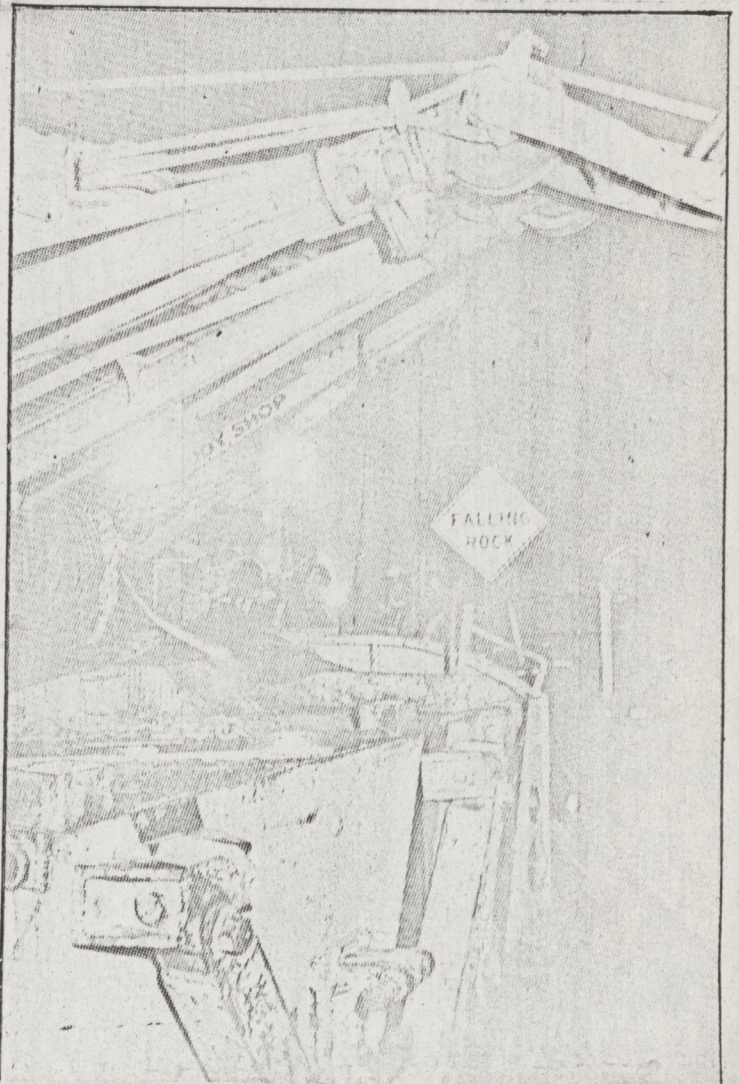
M: We've got to move quick, or find out how desperately we need it. Right now, it's stalemated in the public utilities commission. I'm prepared to let the legislature make the decision. There are risks. I don't want to be reckless, but there are calculated risks (we might take).

Q (to Ketchum on the state of the dollar:

K: The dollar is at a new low. The president says it's because of importing foreign oil. But there are at least three countries that import a hundred percent of their oil and they have no problem. The fact is, other people are worried about our defense position and our foreign policy. They lose faith in the dollar when they lose faith in us.

From Independence and Bishop, the party moved on to Lone Pine for a buffet dinner and another session with voters there. Maddy expressed his serious need for "exposure" and for "getting acquainted in the state." Ketchum had noted in an introduction that "yesterday he was an unknown." If personal energy and agriculture money can do the trick (The polls indicate that they haven't, so far), Maddy will have strong appeal to conservative, business-oriented voters who feel as he does about government encroachment, and business "progress."

HIGHWAY TRAGEDY



RESCUERS CALL IN HEAVY EQUIPMENT to lift a jack-knifed Bekins trailer that somehow went out of control - at more than 75 miles an hour, according to witnesses - on a wet, foggy stretch of Highway 395 in Mono County. After five hours and more than one attempt to lift the heavily-laden trailer from the truck's cab, workers managed finally to pull it loose, and a photographer, Eastern Sierra News' Carol Porter, took this picture. Beneath it all was the crushed body of 41-year-old Manuel Gonzales who had taken over the long haul south from Reno as a relief driver.

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